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Rules at
Sine Qua Non

PASO ROBLES:
The Best Restaurants,
Hotels and Wineries
To Visit

Summer Whites From
California, France and
New Zealand

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- 88** Mount Nelson Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2009 \$19 A pale, soft-textured wine with good fruit and fine grapefruit and lime-like citrus fruit, showing a citrusy character. Tannins are fine. Drink now–2015. NM
- 88** Yealands Sauvignon Blanc Awatere Valley Estate 2009 \$17 This pale, rounded, fresh and citrusy wine is bright, with fine fruit and acidity well balanced. Shows some floral hints. Drink now–2015. NM
- 87** Crosswinds Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2009 \$15 Light, fresh and citrusy, with fine fruit and acidity well balanced. Shows some floral hints. Drink now–2015. NM
- 87** Tehu Pinot Noir Marlborough 2008 \$29 Exhibits green, citrusy and straw-like fruit, with a slight earthiness, delicate tannins and a subtle, well-integrated finish. Drink now–2015. NM
- 87** Wild Earth Pinot Noir Central Otago 2008 \$30 Light and ripe, with hints of citrus and floral fruit, showing distinct floral notes. Drink now–2015. NM
- 86** Dog Point Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2009 \$20 This wine shows delicate fruit with a hint of green pepper and lime-like citrus, finishing with a fine finish. Drink now–2015. NM
- 86** Nobile Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough Icon 2009 \$22 Smoothly finished with clean, peppery fruit and hints of the grapefruit and tropical fruit notes. Drink now–2015. NM
- 86** Ra Nui Sauvignons Blanc Waiau Valley 2009 \$18 Bright and appealing, showing some apple and citrus fruit, with distinct floral hints. Drink now–2015. NM
- 86** Yealands Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2009 \$12 Light and ripe, with citrus fruit, lime, with passionfruit and grapefruit hints, that linger nicely. Drink now. Tannins fine with a smooth finish. Drink now–2015. NM
- 85** Craggy Range Sauvignon Blanc Martinborough Te Mana Road Vineyard 2009 \$22 A pale, pale yellow-green, with good fruit, citrus and lime-like citrus fruit, showing a distinct floral finish. Drink now–2015. NM
- 84** Nairn's Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2009 \$17 NM
- 83** Alisa Scott Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2009 \$16 NM
- 82** Wild Rock Pinot Noir Central Otago Cupids Arrow 2008 \$20 NM
- PORTRUGAL**
- 91** Quinta do Portal Douro Auro 2007 \$25 Literary in style, with dense, concentrated fruit and a seductive palate. A soft, velvety texture, with the mouthfeel of a sweater, with notes of floral, citrus and lime-like citrus fruit, showing a distinct floral finish. Drink now–2015. NM
- 90** Niepoort Late Bottled Port 2005 \$17 Delightfully intense, with a ripe, citrusy, subtle lime finish. Decant before tasting. Drink now–2015. NM
- 90** Quinta do Portal Douro Reserva 2007 \$22 A pale, pale yellow-green, with good fruit, citrus and lime-like citrus fruit, showing a distinct floral finish. Drink now–2015. NM
- 90** Quinta da Rosa Late Bottled Port 2005 \$27 Full-bodied, dark and intense, with a distinct floral character and a subtle finish. Drink now–2015. NM
- 90** Warre Late Bottled Port Unfiltered 2007 \$26 Complex, with a distinct floral character and hints of orange and citrus fruit, with a subtle finish. Drink now–2015. NM
- 89** Quinta de Passadoura Late Bottled Port 2005 \$30 A pale, pale yellow-green, with hints of citrus and lime-like citrus fruit, showing a distinct floral finish. Drink now–2015. NM
- 89** Quinta do Portal Douro Mural 2006 \$15 Aromas of ripe, well-balanced stone fruit, with citrus and tropical fruit, like passionfruit, lime and lime-like citrus fruit. Drink now–2015. NM
- 88** Quinta do Crasto Late Bottled Port 2007 \$24 A pale, pale yellow-green, with hints of citrus and lime-like citrus fruit, showing a distinct floral finish. Drink now–2015. NM
- 88** Quinta da Rimonaria Late Bottled Port Unfiltered 2004 \$21 A pale, pale yellow-green, with hints of citrus and lime-like citrus fruit, showing a distinct floral finish. Drink now–2015. NM
- 88** Quinta do Vale Dona Maria Late Bottled Port 2005 \$45 A pale, pale yellow-green, with hints of citrus and lime-like citrus fruit, showing a distinct floral finish. Drink now–2015. NM
- 83** Bairrada Azores de Souto Octro Estação Res 2008 \$19 NM
- 82** Cooperativa Pequenos de Monsaraz Alentejo Terras d'el Rei 2008 \$6 NM

SPAIN**Cava**

88 Codorniu Brut Cava Anna de Codorniu NV \$15 This cuvée is made in bottle, with 100% Chardonnay and 100% Pinot noir, with a distinct floral finish. Drink now–2015. NM

88 Josep Maria Raventós i Blanç Brut Cava Mont-Raventós 2002 \$65 A pale, pale yellow-green, with hints of citrus and lime-like citrus fruit, showing a distinct floral finish. Drink now–2015. NM

86 Josep Maria Raventós i Blanç Brut Rosé Cava de Nit 2007 \$24 A pale, pale yellow-green, with hints of citrus and lime-like citrus fruit, showing a distinct floral finish. Drink now–2015. NM

86 Sabartés Brut Rosado Cava NV \$18 Showcases ripe, ripe fruit, with a pale, pale yellow-green, with hints of citrus and lime-like citrus fruit, showing a distinct floral finish. Drink now–2015. NM

86 Sevilia Brut Cava Conde de Caralt NV \$11 A pale, pale yellow-green, with hints of citrus and lime-like citrus fruit, showing a distinct floral finish. Drink now–2015. NM